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Chuck Norris & Cyanide Joke

Informant: Clayton Watts and I have been friends for four years, and he was my roommate up until he got married. He was born in 1995 and grew up in Eagle, Idaho, just outside of Boise. He is a student at Utah State University studying biology with hopes to become a pediatrician. Clay enjoys science a lot. He has two brothers that he is close with and shares jokes with them often.

Context: While walking home from campus towards our respective apartments, Clay and I made jokes with one another, which we have done since we met. We have a lot of inside jokes with one another, and much of our friendship is founded on our similar senses of humor. When he and his brother were younger, they collected a series of Chuck Norris jokes from the internet, and this was one of few that Clay remembered. This joke was one of the first jokes of the conversation.

Text: Chuck Norris's initials are the same as the chemical compound cyanide, which is a deadly poison. This is not a coincidence.

Texture: When Clay told me the joke, he spoke it very monotone, trying to make himself sound smart and intellectual. He accented the importance of the words "deadly poison," highlighting the danger of cyanide and, by association, the danger of Chuck Norris. He laughed after telling the joke, saying how he had forgot about the joke until just recently.

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